

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

09/629,254

Applicant(s)

DENTEL ET AL.

Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment of 7/19/05 and Ex. Amend. of 8/15/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 24 and 26-33.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 31 July 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All   b) ☐ Some\*   c) ☐ None   of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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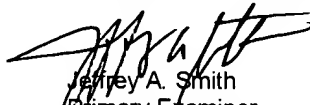
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

  
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**EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Walter W. Karnstein on August 15, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

***In the Title***

The title has been changed to:

--Method for facilitating the purchase of compatible products--.

***In the Specification***

At page 5, line 19: --(pending)-- has been inserted after "February 8, 2000".

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*In the Claims*

At claim 24, line 8: --electronically-- has been inserted before "determining".

At claim 26, line 8: --electronically-- has been inserted before "determining".

**REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claim 24

The prior art of record neither anticipates nor fairly and reasonably teaches a computer-implemented method of enabling a user of a processor system to purchase ink cartridges for use with a printer of the processor system, where the printer is one of plural types, the method comprising:

detecting a low-ink status in the printer;

presenting a user-interface command element to the user in response to the low-ink status; and

in response to actuation of the user-interface command element:

electronically determining the particular type of the printer,

informing a remote server system of the particular type of the printer via a communications network,

identifying one or more ink carriages that are compatible for use with the particular type of printer, and

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transmitting a purchase invitation to the processor system via the communications network, where the purchase invitation specifies at least one of the compatible products.

Regarding claim 26

The prior art of record neither anticipates nor fairly and reasonably teaches a computer-implemented method of enabling a user of a processor system to purchase products for use with a printer of the processor system, where the printer is one of plural types, the method comprising:

receiving a print command from the user;

in response to the print command, presenting a user-interface command element to the user; and

in response to actuation of the user-interface command element:

electronically determining the particular type of the printer,

informing a remote server system of the particular type of the printer via a communications network,

identifying one or more products that are compatible for use with the particular type of printer, and

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transmitting a purchase invitation to the processor system via the communications network, where the purchase invitation specifies at least one of the compatible products.

The most remarkable prior art of record is as follows:

Hayward et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,629,134 B1);

Cheng et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,151,643); and

Perlman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,023,585).

The rejections of claims 24 and 26 under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by Hayward et al. have been removed by effective declaration under 37 CFR 1.131.

Cheng et al. does not disclose enabling a user of a processor system to purchase products, particularly ink cartridges, for use with a printer of the processor system.

Perlman et al. does teach enabling a user of a processor system to purchase products, particularly drivers, for use with a printer of a processor system, however Perlman et al. does not reasonably teach that the products are ink cartridges or that the method comprises a step of receiving a print command from

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the user; and in response to the print command, presenting a user-interface command element to the user.

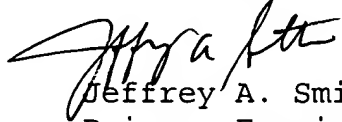
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeffrey A. Smith whose telephone number is (571) 272-6763. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 6:30am-6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wynn Coggins can be reached on (571) 272-7159. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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